Citizens Clean Elections Commission Executive Director Report December 14, 2006 (For the 12/20/06 meeting)

Announcements

- Rita Azcona is our new Admin III. She is doing quite well.
- The COGEL conference was excellent and quite informative.

Budget

• The Fund Balance is \$26.92 million as of November 30, 2006.

Random Audit

• Miller, Allen & Co., P.C. sent 17 letters out on November 28, 2006 to candidate committees selected for the random audit during the Primary periods of the 2006 election cycle.

Voter Education

- Working with candidates to ensure their campaign finance reports are correct and that they return any unused campaign funds on time.
- Staff is currently reviewing our rules and drafting proposals for Commission consideration. Mike Becker is soliciting input from interested voters, legislators, consultants, et al.
- Updating all officeholders on the "Officeholder Expense Account" rules.

Enforcement

- 2006 41 Complaints total
 - o 32 closed
 - o 9 pending complaints. 5 of the 9 complaints are on today's agenda. 1 Reason to Believe, 1 Probable Cause and 3 Pending Settlement agreements.
 - o Staff is currently reviewing violations found in campaign finance reports for possible enforcement actions.
- 2004 81 complaints total.
 - o 80 completed and closed.
 - o 1 under investigation (Murphy –hearing continued).